

Every Member Mature in Christ

For This We Toil & Struggle



**PERSONAL
DISCIPLESHIP**

*#getdeep
In God's Word*



**GOSPEL
CULTURE**

*#getreal
With One Another*



**MISSIONAL
COMMUNITIES**

*#getsent
For The Kingdom*

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

(8:30am & 10:30am)

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-4:1, 4:8-9 ESV

Message: Personal Discipleship

Response Hymn: Knowing You

(4:30pm)

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35 ESV

Message: Gospel Culture

Response Hymn: Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Our Sunday services at a glance

In-Person Sunday Services

8.30am Mandarin service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join us on Livestream

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) in person in Room 103

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4:30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand)	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Personal Discipleship

Philippians 3:7-4:1, 4:8-9

A Dedication Prayer

Maturity – Discipled by Jesus

Getting there by getting deep: Personal Discipleship

Listen to their teaching

Observe their living

The Challenge

A life to imitate

A life worth imitating

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What do you recall from the sermon? What is the meaning of maturity in Christ, and of personal discipleship?
2. Who have discipled you? What did they do, and how have they transformed your life? If you cannot think of any, pray that God will send some into your life.
3. Who are you discipling? Or who have you been influencing towards maturity in Christ? If you cannot think of any, pray that God will send some into your life, and prepare you for the task.

Gospel Culture

John 13:34-35

God's Kind of Love

Loving the Sinner

Experiencing God's Love

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What did you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. How would you describe God's kind of love?
3. What does it mean to love the sinner?
4. How can we better experience God's love?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Tuition Ministry – Thank God for the faithful service of our tutors in the past year and also for new tutors who have stepped up for 2023. Pray for the leaders and tutors as they gather on 13 Jan, to consider how to better identify the needs of their students and to commit themselves for their year ahead, that God will strengthen their hearts for a year of service ahead.

Our World

Buddhist World - As we are near the Lunar New Year's celebrations at the end of January 2023, let us be praying for God's light to shine upon Buddhist majority people groups around the world. Pray for our partners to persevere in loving and ministering among them. A good free prayer resource is available through email. (*see announcement on page 9*)

Myanmar - Pray for a small church in a neighbourhood in Yangon, to continue following up on the good relationships forged during the pandemic. This was partly helped by small gifts of rice bags to their neighbours when food was in short supply during the pandemic and their time of political conflict.

Nepal - Pray for 2 partners who have various ministries in remote Tibetan Buddhist villages, especially for the computer literacy ministry in one remote village.

Ipoh - Thank God that last week, Ps Ebi and Priya were able to visit the Fellowship of Tamil-speaking brethren that they have been ministering to. Pray for good follow up of the visitors from last year's Christmas gathering and a good time of learning together in God's word. May the word of God transform their hearts and lives to greater holiness and righteousness.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service 8:30am	126	1,666.00
English Service 10:30am	466	
English Service 4:30pm	264	
Chinese Service Livestream [#]	20	
Chinese Service 8:30am	103	3,311.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream [#]	3	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	55	1,029.00
ME Service & Zoom	60	
Hokkien Service	58	450.00
Tamil Service	20	983.75
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1192	\$7,439.75

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$39,628.00
Christmas Gift (Giro)	\$44,581.04
Watchnight Service	\$8,364.00
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$91,648.79

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No. 1854-6	\$950.00
Electronic Transfer	\$13,882.10
Weekly Total	\$14,832.10
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,398,475.84

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Congratulations to Moses & Jia Hui on the birth of their 3rd child, Theodore Thia Rui Xiang, on 6th Jan 2023!

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund"
on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT
NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead

Friday, 13 Jan

8:00pm: Prayer Meeting

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 14 Jan

4:00pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf)

Sunday, 15 Jan

New worship service timings for 2023

– **8:30am, 10:30am & 4:30pm**

The Next Lap:

15 Jan – (8:30am & 10:30am)

Gospel Culture -- Ps Dev

(4:30pm)

Missional Communities – Ps Vernon

22 Jan – (8:30am & 10:30am)

Missional Communities – Ps Vernon

(4:30pm)

Personal Discipleship -- Ps Zhiwen

29 Jan – (All 3 Services)

Growing & Going for God's

Kingdom -- Ps Alby

Your Response

8 January 2023

*Thank you for joining us today!
If there's anything you would
like the church to know, do
reach out to us online or via
email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form
www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf*

*Or email us at
office@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Confidential care & counselling
matters, please email
care@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Please note that the church will
retain and use your submitted
data as needed to process your
indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Every Youth A Disciple of Jesus

At Zion Bishan, we desire to see every youth become a disciple of Jesus, enjoying fellowship with Him and His People, and challenged to be sent for His Mission — in line with the Next Lap vision for every member mature in Christ. The close of 2022 saw two platforms for our youths to be growing and maturing in their Christian faith, namely Youth Camp and an overseas ministry trip.

Through Youth Camp 2022 — the Bond Identity, the youths not only learnt gospel truths, but also experienced being part of the body of Christ, as they spent extended time together and grew to relate to one another in love, through their everyday interactions and through intentional workshops and games. A group of youths (17 – 18 year-olds) also had the privilege of visiting an overseas ministry, and they further experienced how God works in and through the body of Christ, to bring the Christmas message to unreached regions.

In the new year, as we continue to affirm that the youths are essential members of the body of Christ, it is critical that the rest of the church be supporting and building up the youths. Besides these ad-hoc camps and trips, the week-in-week-out work of regular Saturday Youth Fellowship, Sunday Youth Discipleship groups and personal life-on-life follow-ups must not be overlooked. As such, we are so thankful for the many volunteers that have been consistently truthing in love to our younger ones, from YD leaders to YF small-group leaders — how can we especially encourage them as they plough on in 2023? And if *you* want to find out more about how you can be serving the youths, speak to Jacqueline, Ee-Wern, Larissa or Ps Dev to find out more!

Youth Camp 2022, 12–16th December



“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” **Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)**

Finally an overnight camp since the pandemic, Youth Camp 2022 saw close to 75 participants. Our ZB youths spent extended time together for five full days, and also welcomed many newcomers. The theme for this year's camp is titled '*The Bond Identity*', with the messages, expounded by Edric, helpfully leading our youths through the book of Ephesians. We praise God for how the campers were challenged to think hard about their identity in Christ, from the truths that we were #mostblessed because we have every spiritual blessing in Christ, to seeing how Christians are part of God's larger, glorious #masterplan as we are being built into His holy temple. The various fun and games re-iterated the gospel truths, such as a workshop where the groups used domino pieces to build their unique identity, but were called to ultimately build one big domino set-up, even amidst obstacles thrown their way.

"Participating in this year's Youth Camp has definitely been fruitful and enjoyable. It wasn't an easy journey as I had expected because it was my first time taking part as a WGL, and there were new responsibilities I had to take on and prepare for before camp even started. Despite that, I am grateful that God had provided throughout the camp with supportive co-leaders and a group that really helped me to step out of my comfort zone. In addition, the messages were a good reminder of how each and every one of us are an important part of His plans to unite all things in Him. It was also comforting to know that we were once separated from God but through Christ, we were able to have a relationship with God, and that each one of us can use our gifts to contribute to the maturity of the church. All in all, I am grateful that camp has helped push me to grow spiritually and mentally, and I look forward to more camps like this one." (Wan Yu, group leader)

We would also like to thank the many people in Zion Bishan who have graciously extended hospitality to our youths in various forms throughout this camp, be it in support in prayer and funds, or in making time to have dinner with youths on two of the nights during camp itself! The meals with the wider church community definitely did help the youths to understand what it means to be interacting with members of the body of Christ, and also to show them that the church does care a lot about its youths as well! Please continue praying for our youths to remember what they learnt from camp, to continue seeing that each of them plays an important role in the body of Christ, and to deepen the friendships and the fellowship that have begun through camp! Once again, thank you for loving our youths!

Overseas Ministry Trip to Ubon, 19th – 28th December

The week after Youth Camp, some of our ZB youths spent another ten days together, and further experienced God working in and through the body of Christ, as they came alongside the local ministry team at Ubon Thailand for their Christmas outreach.

During the first half of the trip, the team went to various hospitals, carolling in the common areas and in the wards; the brokenness and suffering of the world was tangibly seen during these visits. The carolling sessions in fact opened doors for the local ministry team to continue visiting the hospitals, to befriend not only patients but also the medical staff. For our youths, the first week brought much growth, as they asked questions about the unfamiliar and learnt to turn to the Lord in prayer. Indeed, the youths could not remain indifferent once they caught a glimpse of God's heart for the broken, and recognised that the hope that Jesus brings makes all the difference to the seeming helplessness. It is with this in mind that the youths sang their hearts out in the hospitals — songs that tell of how Christmas is a time to love, that speak of the gospel that holds out hope amidst the brokenness.

One of the mornings was spent visiting a school; the children enjoyed the games, skit and songs that we shared, adding onto the good work that the local Christians have been doing in this school community. Christmas day itself saw the youth team joining in a local church's celebrations. The local community was invited to the party, and it was a joyous occasion indeed; the youths were pleasantly surprised at the unique cultural elements of singing and dancing among the audience, that complemented the Christmas messages and testimonies shared onstage.

Even as the Christians celebrated Christmas joyfully, so many in the region do not yet know of the hope of the gospel. The region we were at has some of the lowest reach of Christianity. Outside the small city of Ubon, there are villages aplenty with no Christian community. Therefore the next day, the local ministry team carried out an amazing feat, as they drove the Christmas party set-up to an unreached village four hours away, right at the national border, bringing light literally and metaphorically into the darkness. Our prayer is that following this Christmas party, there will be a great awakening in the Isan region.



“This trip has been truly impactful and fulfilling for every one of us. We've learnt so much more about the world around us, and about God's heart for the broken. Although there is much suffering, we must hold onto the hope that can pierce through the darkness! Though it's over, we know that there is much more waiting to be done and we pray that we will be hungry to know Him more.” (Grace, team leader)

Our team praises God for how He was working mightily during the trip, and we are very thankful for the many insights gleaned from the short time we had in Ubon. What we have witnessed, and the stories from the missionaries of God's hand in their lives and in the ministry there, have been really inspiring. We desire for God to continue showing us His heart for the broken and the lost, as we keep on praying, *let Your Kingdom come, so that everyone might know Your Name.*

Announcements

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF

Job description: In consultation with the Pastor in-charge, you are required to provide direction and leadership to the teachers and helpers serving in the children's ministry. You will oversee all the activities of the Children's Discipleship program involving curriculum development; resource materials management; recruitment and training of lay teachers; communicating with parents to nurture the faith of their children. In addition, you are required to assist in running ad hoc programs like Children's camp and outreaches.

Qualifications: You should be a spiritually mature Christian with an outgoing personality and be willing to work with children as well as their parents. You should possess a diploma/degree from a tertiary institution or theological college and have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Those who lack relevant ministry experience can be trained via the **EXCEL** apprenticeship program.

If you wish to serve the Lord and possess the above qualifications, we invite you to submit a detailed resume to:

Mr Adam Peh

Administration Manager

adam@zionbishan.org.sg

CATECHISM CLASS TABLE HOSTS NEEDED

Beginning **18 Feb**, for **13 Saturday** afternoons (**1:30-3:00pm**) and a half-day retreat, come alongside our new members and friends by facilitating discussions in tables and extending friendship to them.

Sign up with **Timothy Ong (92715785)** by **29 Jan** or contact him if you have any enquiries.

HEARING IMPAIRED MINISTRY

We are looking for more typists to serve at the 10:30am Service. If you are worshipping at the **10:30am Service**, can type fast, and would like to serve in this ministry, please contact **Joshua Goh (81333172)**.

BUDDHIST WORLD

Free 21-Day Prayer resource for the Buddhist World available. Sign up with **Timothy Ong (9271 5785)**.